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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15-23 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-10.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 15-23 are allowed, and that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan et al. (US 2002/0109226).

Applicants have canceled claims 1-10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan et al. (US 2002/0109226) is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15-23 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a One-month extension of time, extending to August 6, 2005, the period for responding to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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